

**WARRANT
TOWN OF SEEKONK
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
June 9, 2014**

**BRISTOL, SS.
Greetings:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby requested to notify the inhabitants of the Town who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at Seekonk High School, 261 Arcade Avenue, Seekonk, Massachusetts on:

Monday, June 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

to vote on the following Articles. The Meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk at 7:00 PM with a quorum count of 81 who then turned the meeting over to the Town Moderator.

A motion was made to allow the following non-residents to address the meeting:

Shawn Cadime, Town Administrator, Peter Fuller, Library Director, Theodora Gabriel, Town Assessor, Bruce Alexander, Director of Finance, Bernadette Huck, Director, Human Services, Seth Bai, Veterans' Agent, Beth Hallal, Health Agent, Christine DeFontes, Treasurer/Collector, John Hansen, Town Planner, Robert Lamoureux, DPW Superintendent, Arlene Bosco, School Superintendent, Bernadette DeBlander, Conservation Agent, Christopher Campbell, Director of Communications, John Santos, Building Commissioner, Town Counsel, Kopelman & Paige.

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 1:

A motion was made that the Town vote to receive the reports of Town Officers, or Committees, and to place them on file with the Town Clerk. A report was given by the Finance Committee and the library facilities study committee.

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 2:

A motion was made to amend line #57 of the budget to add \$133,618.00 from free cash.

Action on the motion to amend fails with 24 approving and 105 disapproving.

A motion was made that the Town appropriate the sum of \$44,463,734.00 to defray charges and expenses of the Town for Fiscal Year 2015 for the purposes and amounts set forth in Budget Schedules A through J in column titled FinComm Recommended Budget 2015:

The sum of \$34,498,822.00 to be raised by taxation within the levy limit under proposition 2 1/2 ;

The sum of \$250,000 to be transferred from Free Cash

The sum of \$511,255.00 to be transferred from Ambulance Fees;

The sum of \$48,891.00 to be transferred from the Sanitation Enterprise Fund;

The sum of \$2,0000.00 to be transferred from Dedicated Receipts

The sum of \$20,920.00 to be transferred from Septic Payback.

Quorum count at 7:15 PM was 129.

Action on the motion: Motion passes with 128 approving and 1 disapproving.

A motion was made that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,197,470.00 to defray charges and expenses of operating the Sanitation Enterprise Fund for the Fiscal Year 2015 for the purpose and amount set forth in Schedule K in the column title FinComm Recommended Budget 2015:

The sum of \$1,122,470.00 to be provided from revenues of the Sanitation Enterprise Fund, \$75,000.00 to be appropriated from Retained Earnings, Sanitation enterprise Fund.

Action on the motion: Motion passes with 128 approving and 1 disapproving.

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Item No.	Account Name	Actual FY 2012	Actual FY 2013	EXPENSES THROUGH 5/31/2014	Approved Budget FY 2014	Department		Town Admin		BOS		FinComm		Percent Change From FY2014
						Request Budget FY 2015	Recommended Budget FY 2015	Request Budget FY 2015	Recommended Budget FY 2015	Request Budget FY 2015	Recommended Budget FY 2015	Request Budget FY 2015	Recommended Budget FY 2015	
A	General Government	1,682,865	1,758,791	1,494,695	1,963,405	1,993,224	1,973,339	1,973,339	1,973,339	1,973,339	1,973,339	1,973,339	1,973,339	0.51%
B	General Government-Legal	136,534	114,009	93,112	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	0.00%
C	Public Safety	5,517,401	5,875,286	5,307,213	6,448,523	6,960,511	6,889,426	6,889,426	6,889,426	6,889,426	6,889,426	6,889,426	6,889,426	6.84%
D	Education	20,203,850	21,780,781	17,482,929	22,456,143	23,183,474	23,183,474	23,183,474	23,183,474	23,183,474	23,183,474	23,183,474	23,183,474	3.24%
E	Highways and Streets	974,567	1,117,159	2,263,636	1,167,262	1,210,939	1,169,659	1,169,659	1,169,659	1,169,659	1,169,659	1,169,659	1,169,659	0.21%
F	Other Environmental	37,519	42,932	42,355	44,878	44,923	44,923	44,923	44,923	44,923	44,923	44,923	44,923	0.10%
G	Human Services	458,516	538,575	569,412	620,723	654,632	631,298	631,298	631,298	631,298	631,298	631,298	631,298	1.70%
H	Culture and Recreation	810,087	869,314	753,011	918,269	935,079	920,378	920,378	920,378	920,378	920,378	920,378	920,378	0.23%
I	Debt and Interest	2,749,600	2,807,092	1,318,190	1,339,378	1,347,726	1,347,726	1,347,726	1,347,726	1,347,726	1,347,726	1,347,726	1,347,726	0.62%
J	Other Fixed Costs	7,920,379	7,643,751	6,741,323	8,079,812	8,193,509	8,193,509	8,193,509	8,193,509	8,193,509	8,193,509	8,193,509	8,193,509	1.41%
	Total Operating Budget	\$ 40,491,318	\$ 42,547,689	\$ 36,065,886	\$ 43,148,393	\$ 44,634,017	\$ 44,463,734	\$ 44,463,734	\$ 44,463,734	\$ 44,463,734	\$ 44,463,734	\$ 44,463,734	\$ 44,463,734	3.05%
K	Sanitation Enterprise Fund	1,032,960	1,083,460	1,043,726	1,225,404	1,148,579	1,148,579	1,148,579	1,148,579	1,148,579	1,148,579	1,148,579	1,148,579	-6.27%
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 41,524,278	\$ 43,631,150	\$ 37,109,612	\$ 44,373,797	\$ 45,782,597	\$ 45,612,314	\$ 45,612,314	\$ 45,612,314	\$ 45,612,314	\$ 45,612,314	\$ 45,612,314	\$ 45,612,314	2.79%
	Town Non-Enterprise Approp.	9,617,488	10,316,065	10,523,443	11,273,060	11,909,307	11,739,025	11,739,025	11,739,025	11,739,025	11,739,025	11,739,025	11,739,025	4.13%
	School Appropriations	20,203,850	21,780,781	17,482,929	22,456,143	23,183,474	23,183,474	23,183,474	23,183,474	23,183,474	23,183,474	23,183,474	23,183,474	3.24%
	Fixed Costs	7,920,379	7,643,751	6,741,323	8,079,812	8,193,509	8,193,509	8,193,509	8,193,509	8,193,509	8,193,509	8,193,509	8,193,509	1.41%
	Debt Service	2,749,600	2,807,092	1,318,190	1,339,378	1,347,726	1,347,726	1,347,726	1,347,726	1,347,726	1,347,726	1,347,726	1,347,726	0.62%
	Sanitation Enterprise Fund	1,032,960	1,083,460	1,043,726	1,225,404	1,148,579	1,148,579	1,148,579	1,148,579	1,148,579	1,148,579	1,148,579	1,148,579	-6.27%
	Total	\$ 41,524,278	\$ 43,631,150	\$ 37,109,612	\$ 44,373,797	\$ 45,782,597	\$ 45,612,314	\$ 45,612,314	\$ 45,612,314	\$ 45,612,314	\$ 45,612,314	\$ 45,612,314	\$ 45,612,314	2.79%

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A	GENERAL GOVERNMENT cont.									
15	Finance Director Payroll	117,784	120,932	109,166	126,022	126,022	126,022	126,022	126,022	0.00%
16	Finance Director Expense	43,264	44,965	45,063	47,504	49,617	49,617	49,617	49,617	4.45%
	Department Total	\$ 161,048	\$ 165,898	\$ 154,228	\$ 173,526	\$ 175,638	\$ 175,638	\$ 175,638	\$ 175,638	1.22%
17	Tax Assessor Payroll	192,662	209,149	172,431	199,783	203,699	203,699	203,699	203,699	1.96%
18	Tax Assessor Payroll-Elected	6,500	8,717	7,991	8,717	8,717	8,717	8,717	8,717	0.00%
19	Tax Assessor Expense	23,116	23,635	12,506	23,556	23,756	23,756	23,756	23,756	0.85%
19a	Tax Assessor Expense-Revaluation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Department Total	\$ 222,278	\$ 241,501	\$ 192,928	\$ 232,056	\$ 236,172	\$ 236,172	\$ 236,172	\$ 236,172	1.77%
20	Town Collector Payroll	107,048	110,984	97,623	115,564	115,764	115,764	115,764	115,764	0.17%
21	Town Collector Expense	11,150	9,445	12,714	20,230	20,530	20,530	20,530	20,530	1.48%
	Department Total	\$ 118,198	\$ 120,409	\$ 110,336	\$ 135,794	\$ 136,294	\$ 136,294	\$ 136,294	\$ 136,294	0.37%
22	Town Treasurer Payroll	131,445	136,502	119,971	140,504	140,704	140,704	140,704	140,704	0.14%
23	Town Treasurer Expense	4,623	3,383	2,728	6,510	14,060	7,060	7,060	7,060	8.45%
	Department Total	\$ 136,068	\$ 139,886	\$ 122,699	\$ 147,014	\$ 154,764	\$ 147,764	\$ 147,764	\$ 147,764	0.51%
24	Tax Lien Expense	15,000	25,000	22,798	25,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	20.00%
	Department Total	\$ 15,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 22,798	\$ 25,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	20.00%
25	Town Clerk Payroll	38,979	41,760	36,364	41,918	41,932	41,932	41,932	41,932	0.03%
26	Town Clerk Payroll-Elected	60,111	61,088	53,912	62,539	62,540	62,540	62,540	62,540	0.00%
27	Town Clerk Expense	4,398	4,259	4,435	4,850	5,650	5,650	5,650	5,650	16.49%
	Department Total	\$ 103,488	\$ 107,087	\$ 94,710	\$ 109,307	\$ 110,122	\$ 110,122	\$ 110,122	\$ 110,122	0.75%
28	Management Information Systems Payroll	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
29	Management Information Systems Expense	101,589	120,677	111,070	133,438	164,508	152,823	152,823	152,823	14.53%
	Department Total	\$ 101,589	\$ 120,677	\$ 111,070	\$ 133,438	\$ 164,508	\$ 152,823	\$ 152,823	\$ 152,823	14.53%

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C	PUBLIC SAFETY									
41	Police Payroll	2,571,231	2,711,280	2,456,836	2,874,140	3,073,082	3,043,167	3,043,167	3,043,167	5.88%
42	Police Expense	317,885	321,727	253,094	370,386	381,918	375,918	375,918	375,918	1.49%
	Department Total	\$ 2,889,116	\$ 3,033,007	\$ 2,709,930	\$ 3,244,526	\$ 3,454,970	\$ 3,419,085	\$ 3,419,085	\$ 3,419,085	5.38%
43	Public Safety Comm Payroll	339,983	391,290	354,729	408,594	552,079	552,079	552,079	552,079	35.12%
44	Public Safety Comm Expense	19,837	22,138	21,626	22,375	24,375	24,375	24,375	24,375	8.94%
	Department Total	\$ 359,820	\$ 413,428	\$ 376,355	\$ 430,969	\$ 576,454	\$ 576,454	\$ 576,454	\$ 576,454	33.76%
45	Fire Payroll	1,851,009	1,951,511	1,759,462	2,160,960	2,311,189	2,311,189	2,311,189	2,311,189	6.95%
46	Fire Expense	141,897	148,213	195,632	221,713	228,213	228,213	228,213	228,213	2.93%
	Department Total	\$ 1,992,906	\$ 2,099,724	\$ 1,954,994	\$ 2,382,673	\$ 2,539,402	\$ 2,539,402	\$ 2,539,402	\$ 2,539,402	6.58%
47	Forestry Expense	20,735	24,000	11,200	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000	0.00%
	Department Total	\$ 20,735	\$ 24,000	\$ 11,200	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	0.00%
48	Building Inspection Payroll	118,680	123,158	94,165	134,083	134,083	134,083	134,083	134,083	0.00%
49	Building Inspection Expense	7,107	8,622	8,668	13,940	13,940	12,740	12,740	12,740	-8.61%
	Department Total	\$ 125,787	\$ 131,780	\$ 102,833	\$ 148,023	\$ 148,023	\$ 146,823	\$ 146,823	\$ 146,823	-0.81%
50	Gas Inspection Payroll	3,034	2,766	2,357	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.00%
	Department Total	\$ 3,034	\$ 2,766	\$ 2,357	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	0.00%
51	Plumbing Inspection Payroll	5,729	4,906	6,585	7,309	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	-4.23%
	Department Total	\$ 5,729	\$ 4,906	\$ 6,585	\$ 7,309	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	-4.23%
52	Sealer of Wts/Measures Payroll	5,000	5,000	2,918	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	0.00%
	Department Total	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,918	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	0.00%
53	Electrical Inspection Payroll	10,228	13,356	11,841	19,309	19,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	-22.32%
	Department Total	\$ 10,228	\$ 13,356	\$ 11,841	\$ 19,309	\$ 19,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	-22.32%

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D	EDUCATION									
57	Seekonk Schools	19,559,121	20,978,278	16,600,026	21,568,942	22,212,101	22,212,101	22,212,101	22,212,101	2.98%
58	School Comm. Pay-Elected	5,400	5,400	5,400	5,400	5,400	5,400	5,400	5,400	0.00%
59	Tri-County School Assessment	627,010	786,818	867,918	870,499	954,671	954,671	954,671	954,671	9.67%
60	Tri-County Committee Travel	1,000	583	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.00%
61	Bristol County Agricultural	11,319	9,702	8,585	10,302	10,302	10,302	10,302	10,302	0.00%
	TOTAL EDUCATION	\$ 20,203,850	\$ 21,780,781	\$ 17,482,929	\$ 22,456,143	\$ 23,183,474	\$ 23,183,474	\$ 23,183,474	\$ 23,183,474	3.24%

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F	OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL									
72	Conservation Comm. Payroll	35,435	40,558	41,211	41,728	41,728	41,728	41,728	41,728	0.00%
73	Conservation Comm. Expense	2,085	2,374	1,154	3,150	3,195	3,195	3,195	3,195	1.43%
	Department Total	\$ 37,519	\$ 42,932	\$ 42,365	\$ 44,878	\$ 44,923	\$ 44,923	\$ 44,923	\$ 44,923	0.10%
	TOTAL OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL	\$ 37,519	\$ 42,932	\$ 42,365	\$ 44,878	\$ 44,923	\$ 44,923	\$ 44,923	\$ 44,923	0.10%
G	HUMAN SERVICES									
74	Community Health Payroll	188	613	263	13,050	13,050	13,050	13,050	13,050	0.00%
	Community Health Expense	0	464	131	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.00%
	Department Total	\$ 188	\$ 1,076	\$ 394	\$ 14,050	\$ 14,050	\$ 14,050	\$ 14,050	\$ 14,050	0.00%
75	Board of Health Payroll	127,985	133,751	116,224	138,611	148,082	137,642	137,642	137,642	-0.70%
76	Board of Health Expense	8,122	9,399	8,187	12,800	12,800	12,800	12,800	12,800	0.00%
	Department Total	\$ 136,107	\$ 143,150	\$ 124,412	\$ 151,411	\$ 160,882	\$ 150,442	\$ 150,442	\$ 150,442	-0.84%
77	Human Services Payroll	174,474	187,544	165,761	192,712	193,783	193,783	193,783	193,783	0.56%
78	Human Services Expense	16,227	14,237	14,329	16,419	16,419	16,419	16,419	16,419	0.00%
	Department Total	\$ 190,701	\$ 201,781	\$ 180,089	\$ 209,131	\$ 210,202	\$ 210,202	\$ 210,202	\$ 210,202	0.51%
79	Veterans Services Payroll	36,709	39,300	34,879	40,460	53,353	40,460	40,460	40,460	0.00%
80	Veterans Services Expense	2,175	3,628	4,424	3,800	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	5.28%
81	Veterans Services Benefits	92,636	149,639	225,215	201,871	212,145	212,145	212,145	212,145	5.09%
	Department Total	\$ 131,520	\$ 192,567	\$ 264,517	\$ 246,131	\$ 269,498	\$ 256,604	\$ 256,604	\$ 256,604	4.26%
	TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	\$ 458,516	\$ 538,575	\$ 569,412	\$ 620,723	\$ 654,632	\$ 631,298	\$ 631,298	\$ 631,298	1.70%

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I	DEBT & INTEREST									
86	Principal-Landfill Closure	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	0.00%
87	Police/Fire Complex (2005) - P	335,000	335,000	335,000	335,000	335,000	335,000	335,000	335,000	0.00%
88	Interest-Tax Anticipation, Loans & Refunds	2,000	500	2,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	0.00%
89	Interest-Landfill Closure	7,001	6,101	5,201	5,201	4,264	4,264	4,264	4,264	-18.02%
90	Police/Fire Complex (2005) - I	174,588	154,488	134,388	134,388	114,288	114,288	114,288	114,288	-14.96%
91	Septic Betterment Program-P	20,714	20,714	20,773	20,773	20,912	20,912	20,912	20,912	0.67%
92	Septic Betterment Program-I	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
93	Police/Fire Complex-P	23,000	22,000	21,000	21,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	-4.76%
94	Police/Fire Complex-I	3,585	2,910	2,265	2,265	1,625	1,625	1,625	1,625	-28.26%
95	Middle School Project-P	161,000	145,000	130,000	130,000	113,000	113,000	113,000	113,000	-13.08%
96	Middle School Project-I	23,089	18,499	14,374	14,374	10,588	10,588	10,588	10,588	-26.34%
97	Aiken School Project-P	120,000	112,000	103,000	103,000	92,000	92,000	92,000	92,000	-10.68%
98	Aiken School Project-I	19,950	16,470	13,245	13,245	10,205	10,205	10,205	10,205	-22.95%
99	School Plans-P	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	-9.09%
100	School Plans-I	2,513	2,183	1,853	1,853	1,525	1,525	1,525	1,525	-17.68%
101	HS/Martin-P	1,090,000	1,135,000	330,000	330,000	345,000	345,000	345,000	345,000	4.55%
102	HS/Martin-I	726,161	688,011	63,780	63,780	64,400	64,400	64,400	64,400	0.97%
103	Banna Station Reno - I	0	0	312	17,500	43,921	43,921	43,921	43,921	150.97%
104	Lease/Purchase-Police Cruisers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
105	Debt Run Off	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
106	Transfer to Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund	0	107,217	100,000	100,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	25.00%
	TOTAL DEBT & INTEREST	\$ 2,749,600	\$ 2,807,092	\$ 1,318,190	\$ 1,339,378	\$ 1,347,726	\$ 1,347,726	\$ 1,347,726	\$ 1,347,726	0.62%

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K	SANITATION ENTERPRISE FUND									
114	Landfill Payroll	87,675	88,855	86,703	92,936	92,936	92,936	92,936	92,936	0.00%
115	Landfill Expense	140,742	131,424	168,579	177,259	177,155	177,155	177,155	177,155	-0.06%
	Department Total	\$ 228,417	\$ 220,279	\$ 255,282	\$ 270,195	\$ 270,091	\$ 270,091	\$ 270,091	\$ 270,091	-0.04%
116	Rubbish Coll./Disp./Roy. Payroll	18,318	19,683	17,179	23,959	23,959	23,959	23,959	23,959	0.00%
117	Rubbish Coll./Disp./Roy. Expense	786,225	843,498	771,265	931,250	854,530	854,530	854,530	854,530	-8.24%
	Department Total	\$ 804,543	\$ 863,181	\$ 788,444	\$ 955,209	\$ 878,489	\$ 878,489	\$ 878,489	\$ 878,489	-8.03%
	Total Direct Costs	\$ 1,032,960	\$ 1,083,460	\$ 1,043,726	\$ 1,225,404	\$ 1,148,579	\$ 1,148,579	\$ 1,148,579	\$ 1,148,579	-6.27%
	Indirect Costs									
118	Fringe Benefits & Administration	49,603	48,615	48,107	48,107	48,891	48,891	48,891	48,891	1.63%
	Total Indirect Costs	\$ 49,603	\$ 48,615	\$ 48,107	\$ 48,107	\$ 48,891	\$ 48,891	\$ 48,891	\$ 48,891	1.63%
	TOTAL SANITATION ENTERPRISE	\$ 1,082,563	\$ 1,132,075	\$ 1,091,833	\$ 1,273,511	\$ 1,197,470	\$ 1,197,470	\$ 1,197,470	\$ 1,197,470	-5.97%

ARTICLE 3:

A motion was made that the Town vote to authorize and/or re-authorize the following revolving funds; Human Services Council Revolving Fund, Conservation Commission Revolving Fund, Trash Bag Revolving Fund, Police Recruitment Revolving Fund, Police Detail Revolving Fund, Recreation Revolving Fund, Library printing & Copying Revolving Fund, Library Food & Beverage Revolving Fund, Planning Board Revolving Fund, Food Inspection Revolving Fund, and Sharps Disposal Revolving Fund as presented in the warrant.

Fund #	Name of Revolving Fund	Spending Authority	Revenue Source	Use of Funds	FY 2015 Spending Limit
1	Human Services Council Revolving Fund	Human Services Board of Directors	Usage Fees, Donations and other revenue	Human Services Programs	\$20,000
2	Conservation Commission Revolving Fund	Conservation Commission	Application and Permit Fees	Administration of Wetlands Protection Act	\$60,000
3	Trash Bag Revolving Fund	Department of Public Works	Sale of Solid Waste bags	Purchase of Solid Waste bags	\$65,000
4	Police Revolving Fund	Police Department	Processing Fees associated with employment of police officers	Recruit testing, promotional testing, staff development and associated costs	\$5,000
5	Recreation Revolving Fund	Parks and Recreation Commission	Usage Fees, permits, donations and other revenue	Direct program services and programs	\$25,000
6	Police Detail Revolving Fund	Police Department / Board of Selectmen	Usage Fees and other revenue directly related to use of marked police vehicles on road details	Replacement of Police Vehicles and Equipment	\$60,000
7	Library Printing & Copying Revolving Fund	Board of Library Trustees	Usage Fees and other revenue directly related to sale of printing and copying services	Replenish supplies for printing & copying services	\$5,000
8	Library Food & Beverage Revolving Fund	Board of Library Trustees	Usage Fees and other revenue directly related to sale of food and beverages	Replenish supplies for food and beverage sales	\$5,000
9	Food Inspection Revolving Fund	Board of Health	Usage Fees and other revenue directly related to after hour food inspections	After hour inspections of food establishments	\$5,000

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10	Planning Board Revolving Fund	Planning Board	Usage Fees and other revenue directly related to recording at the Registry of Deeds	Recording at Registry of Deeds	\$5,000
11	Sharps Disposal Revolving Fund	Board of Health	Usage Fees and other revenue directly related to disposal of sharps	Replenish containers and disposal of waste	\$5,000

**Submitted by: Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval**

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 4:

A motion was made that the Town vote to fix the salary and compensation for the following elected officials of the Town as provided by G.L. c. 41, s. 108 for their services for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2014 as follows, provided that any such elected official may waive receipt of compensation.

<i>Board of Selectmen, Chairman</i>	<i>\$2,400</i>
<i>Board of Selectmen, Member</i>	<i>\$2,100</i>
<i>School Committee, Chairman</i>	<i>\$1,400</i>
<i>School Committee, Member</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>Board of Assessor, Chair</i>	<i>\$3,139</i>
<i>Board of Assessor, Member</i>	<i>\$2,789</i>
<i>Town Clerk</i>	<i>\$ 62,539</i>

Action on the motion: Motion passes with 118 approving and 13 abstentions.

ARTICLE 5:

A motion was made that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the Dog License Receipts Reserved account #23063000 to Dog License Receipts Appropriated account #23064000, to be expended by the Animal Control Department as provided by Town By-law.

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

A quorum count of 162 was made at 8:10PM

ARTICLE 6:

A motion was made to separate the expenses in article 6 and to have separate votes on each item.

Action on the motion to separate passes in excess of a majority vote.

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A motion was made that the Town vote to appropriate the following funds for the designated purposes:

From Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund and to allow the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts of more than three years for such purposes:

Year One (1) of seven (7) year lease/purchase of Aerial Fire Apparatus	\$111,000.00
Year One (1) of a four (4) year lease/purchase of Heavy Duty Dump Truck	\$54,750.00
Modular metal building at Seekonk High School	\$202,428.00
George Martin School roof modification and ceiling improvements	\$70,757.20

Items 1 & 2 to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, items 3 & 4 to be expended under the direction of the School Committee.

From Free Cash:

Replacement of Exchange Server and installation of Tyler Docs/MUNIS Payroll processing electronically to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen \$28,684.62

The vote for the aerial fire apparatus at \$111,000.00 passes well above the 2/3 vote needed.

The vote for the heavy duty dump truck passes with 160 approving and 2 disapproving.

The vote for the metal building failed with 77 approving and 64 disapproving.

The vote for the George Martin School roof passes with a unanimous vote.

The vote for the exchange server and Tyler Docs/MUNIS payroll installation passes with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 7:

A motion was made that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the sum of \$17,835 for administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Act Committee for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015; and further to reserve for future appropriation the following sums recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, with each item to be considered a separate reserve, from FY 2015 Community Preservation estimated revenue:

Historic Resources Reserve	\$35,670
Community Housing Reserve	\$35,670
Open Space Reserve	\$35,670
Budgeted Reserve	\$160,000

Action on the motion: Motion passes with 161 approving and 1 disapproving.

ARTICLE 8:

Motion 8:

A motion was made that the Town vote to transfer from the Community Preservation Fund FY 2014 Budgeted Reserve the additional amounts below recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, to be reserved for future appropriation with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Historic Resources Reserve	\$14,441
Community Housing Reserve	\$14,441
Open Space Reserve	\$14,441

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 9:

A motion was made that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of surplus property or material, exclusive of buildings and land but including compost, no longer needed by the Town.

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 10:

A motion was made that the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of revenue for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2014 in accordance with provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 11:

A motion was made that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$17,841.27 from free cash to FY 2014 Annual Town Meeting Budget Line Item #68 (Snow and Ice Payroll) and \$69,173.40 from free cash to FY 2014 Annual Town Meeting Budget Line Item #69 (Snow & Ice Expense).

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

Article 12:

A motion was made that the Town establish a Kindergarten Revolving Fund for the purpose of receipts and expenditures of the full-day kindergarten program.

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 13: A motion was made that the Town vote to amend SECTION 9.2. WETLANDS AND FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION DISTRICT of the Zoning By-Laws, by deleting the existing text of sections 9.2.2.2, 9.2.5.3, and 9.2.5.5, and the first two paragraphs of Section 9.2.5.8, and inserting the new text as presented in the warrant:

9.2 WETLANDS AND FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION DISTRICT

9.2.2.2 The floodplain portion of this District includes all special flood hazard areas within the Town of Seekonk designated as Zone A or AE on the Bristol County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal

Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The map panels of the Bristol County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Seekonk are panel numbers 25005C0114F, 25005C0118F, 25005C0202F, 25005C0203F, 25005C0204F, 25005C0206F, 25005C0208F, 25005C0212F, 25005C0214F, 25005C0216F, 25005C0218F, dated July 7, 2009; and panel numbers 25005C0214G, 25005C0216G and 25005C0218G dated July 16, 2014. The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the 100-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Bristol County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report dated July 16, 2014. The FIRM and FIS report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk, Planning Board, Building Official, and Conservation Commission.

- 9.2.5.3 Obtain, review and reasonably utilize any base flood elevation data from a federal, state, or other source as criteria for requiring that all new construction, substantial improvements, or other development in Zone A and other special flood hazard areas meet the requirements of these By-Laws. All new subdivision proposals or any development greater than fifty lots or five acres, whichever is the lesser, any portion of which is in the floodplain of Zone A, shall include base flood elevation data based on the Hundred Year Storm. In Zones A and AE, along watercourses that have not had a regulatory floodway designated, the best available Federal, State, local, or other floodway data shall be used to prohibit encroachments in floodways which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.
- 9.2.5.5 Prior to any alteration or relocation of a watercourse, notify adjacent affected communities and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, and also submit copies of such notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency Region I office.
- 9.2.5.8 All development in the district, including structural and non-structural activities, whether permitted by right or by special permit must be in compliance with Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws and with the following:
- Section of the Massachusetts State Building Code which addresses floodplain and coastal high hazard areas (currently 780 CMR);

Submitted by: Planning Board
Board of Selectmen: No Recommendation

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 14: A motion was made that the Town vote to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaw by deleting Section 26, **TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTERS**, and replacing it with a new Section 26, **MEDICAL MARIJUANA OVERLAY DISTRICT** that provides as follows, and further to amend the Table of Contents to delete Section 26, "Temporary Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers" and add Section 26, "Medical Marijuana Overlay District", as presented in the warrant below:

1. Establishment: The Medical Marijuana Overlay District ("MMOD") is established as an overlay district. The boundaries of the MMOD are shown on the Zoning Map on file with the Town Clerk. Within the MMOD, all requirements of the underlying district(s) remain in effect, except where these regulations provide an alternative to such requirements. Land within the MDOD may be used either for (1) a Registered Marijuana

Dispensary ("RMD"), in which case the requirements set forth in this section shall apply; or (2) a use allowed in the underlying district, in which case the requirements of the underlying district shall apply. If the provisions of the MMOD are silent on a zoning regulation, the requirements of the underlying district shall apply. If the provisions of the MMOD conflict with the requirements of the underlying district, the requirements of the MMOD shall control.

2. Purpose: To provide for the placement of RMDs, in accordance with the Humanitarian Medical Use of Marijuana Act, G.L. c.94C, App. §1-1, et seq., in locations suitable for lawful medical marijuana facilities and to minimize adverse impacts of RMDs on adjacent properties, residential neighborhoods, historic districts, schools, playgrounds and other locations where minors congregate by regulating the siting, design, placement, security, and removal of RMDs.
3. Definitions: where not expressly defined in the Zoning Bylaws, terms used in the MMOD Bylaw shall be interpreted as defined in the Humanitarian Medical Use of Marijuana Act, G.L. c.94C, App. §1-1, et seq. and the Department of Public Health (DPH) Regulations promulgated thereunder, 105 CMR 725.001, et seq., as may be amended from time to time, and otherwise by their plain language.
 - a. Registered Marijuana Dispensary: also known as a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center, means a not-for-profit entity registered under 105 CMR 725.100, that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as edible marijuana-infused products ("MIPs"), tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to registered qualifying patients or their personal caregivers. Unless otherwise specified, RMD refers to the site(s) of dispensing, cultivation, and preparation of marijuana.
4. Location
 - a. RMDs may be permitted in the MMOD pursuant to a Special Permit.
 - b. RMDs may not be located within 1000 feet of the following:
 - (1) School, including a public or private elementary, vocational, or secondary school or a public or private college, junior college, or university;
 - (2) Child Care Facility;
 - (3) Library;
 - (4) Playground;
 - (5) Public Park;
 - (6) Youth center;
 - (7) Public swimming pool;
 - (8) Video arcade facility; or
 - (9) Similar facility in which minors commonly congregate.
 - c. The distance under this section is measured in a straight line from the nearest point of the property line of the protected uses identified in Section 4.b. to the nearest point of the property line of the proposed RMD.

- d. The distance requirement may be reduced by twenty-five percent or less, but only if:
 - (1) The applicant demonstrates that the RMD would otherwise be effectively prohibited within the Town;
 - (2) The applicant demonstrates that the RMD will employ adequate security measures to prevent diversion of medical marijuana to minors who are not qualifying patients pursuant to 105 CMR 725.004.
- 5. Procedure: The Zoning Board of Appeals shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) for a RMD special permit.
 - a. Application: In addition to the materials required under Section 11. Special Permits, the applicant shall include:
 - (1) a copy of its registration as an RMD from the DPH;
 - (2) a detailed floor plan of the premises of the proposed RMD that identifies the square footage available and describes the functional areas of the RMD, including areas for any preparation of MIPs;
 - (3) detailed site plans that include the following information:
 - (a) compliance with the requirements for parking and loading spaces, for lot size, frontage, yards and heights and coverage of buildings, and all other provisions of this Bylaw;
 - (b) convenience and safety of vehicular and pedestrian movement on the site and for the location of driveway openings in relation to street traffic;
 - (c) convenience and safety of vehicular and pedestrian movement off the site, if vehicular and pedestrian traffic off-site can reasonably be expected to be substantially affected by on-site changes;
 - (d) adequacy as to the arrangement and the number of parking and loading spaces in relation to the proposed use of the premises, including designated parking for home delivery vehicle(s), as applicable;
 - (e) design and appearance of proposed buildings, structures, freestanding signs, screening and landscaping; and
 - (f) adequacy of water supply, surface and subsurface drainage and light.
 - (4) a description of the security measures, including employee security policies, approved by DPH for the RMD;
 - (5) a copy of the emergency procedures approved by DPH for the RMD;
 - (6) a copy of the policies and procedures for patient or personal caregiver home-delivery approved by DPH for the RMD;

- (7) a copy of the policies and procedures for the transfer, acquisition, or sale of marijuana between RMDs approved by DPH;
 - (8) a copy of proposed waste disposal procedures; and
 - (9) a description of any waivers from DPH regulations issued for the RMD.
- b. The SPGA shall refer copies of the application to the Building Department, Fire Department, Police Department, Board of Health, the Conservation Commission, the Highway Department, Board of Water Commissioners, and the Planning Board. These boards/departments shall review the application and shall submit their written recommendations. Failure to make recommendations within 35 days of referral of the application shall be deemed lack of opposition.
 - c. After notice and public hearing and consideration of application materials, consultant reviews, public comments, and the recommendations of other town boards and departments, the SPGA may act upon such a permit.
6. Special Permit Conditions on RMDs: The SPGA shall impose conditions reasonably appropriate to improve site design, traffic flow, public safety, protect water quality, air quality, and significant environmental resources, preserve the character of the surrounding area and otherwise serve the purpose of this section. In addition to any specific conditions applicable to the applicant's RMD, the SPGA shall include the following conditions in any special permit granted under this Bylaw:
- a. Hours of Operation, including dispatch of home deliveries.
 - b. The permit holder shall file a copy of any Incident Report required under 105 CMR 725.110(F) with the Zoning Enforcement Officer and the SPGA within 24 hours of creation by the RMD. Such reports may be redacted as necessary to comply with any applicable state or federal laws and regulations.
 - c. The permit holder shall file a copy of any summary cease and desist order, cease and desist order, quarantine order, summary suspension order, order limiting sales, notice of a hearing, or final action issued by DPH or the Division of Administrative Law Appeals, as applicable, regarding the RMD with the Zoning Enforcement Officer and SPGA within 48 hours of receipt by the RMD.
 - d. The permit holder shall provide to the Zoning Enforcement Officer and Chief of the Police Department, the name, telephone number and electronic mail address of a contact person in the event that such person needs to be contacted after regular business hours to address an urgent issue. Such contact information shall be kept updated by the permit holder.
 - e. The special permit shall lapse within two years of its issuance. If the permit holder wishes to renew the special permit, an application to renew the special permit must be submitted at least 120 days prior to the expiration of the special permit.

- f. The special permit shall be limited to the current applicant and shall lapse if the permit holder ceases operating the RMD.
 - g. The special permit shall lapse upon the expiration or termination of the applicant's registration by DPH.
 - h. The permit holder shall notify the Zoning Enforcement Officer and SPGA in writing within 48 hours of the cessation of operation of the RMD or the expiration or termination of the permit holder's registration with DPH.
7. Exemption from RMD Special Permit Requirement: RMDs that demonstrate that they are protected pursuant to the agricultural exemption under G.L. c.40A §3 are not required to obtain a special permit, but shall apply for Site Plan Approval pursuant to Section 10. Site Plan Review.
8. Prohibition Against Nuisances: No use shall be allowed in the MMOD which creates a nuisance to abutters or to the surrounding area, or which creates any hazard, including, but not limited to, fire, explosion, fumes, gas, smoke, odors, obnoxious dust, vapors, offensive noise or vibration, flashes, glare, objectionable effluent or electrical interference, which may impair the normal use and peaceful enjoyment of any property, structure or dwelling in the area.
9. Severability: The provisions of this Bylaw are severable. If any provision, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this Bylaw or the application thereof to any person, establishment, or circumstances shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or application of this Bylaw.

Action on the motion: Motion passes with 148 approving and 14 disapproving.

Article 15: A motion was made that the Town I vote to amend the Bylaws of the Town of Seekonk Category 12 – MUNICIPAL LIEN CHARGES as presented in the warrant by adding the following paragraphs to the end of the Category:

The Town shall impose a lien on real property located within the Town of Seekonk if the charge for abandoned or neglected property cleanup fee received by a property owner has not been paid by its due date. The lien, authorized in accordance with Section 58 of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, shall take effect upon the recording of a list of the unpaid charge by parcel of land and by the name of the person assessed for the charge in the Registry of Deeds of the County of Bristol.

If the abandoned or neglected property cleanup fee which is secured by a lien remains unpaid when the Board of Assessors are preparing a real estate tax list and warrant to be committed, the Board of Health shall certify such charge to the Assessors, who shall forthwith add such charge to the tax on the property to which it relates and commit it with their warrant to the Collector of Taxes as part of such tax.

A lien under this section may be discharged by filing a certificate from the Collector of Taxes that all municipal charges or fees constituting the lien, together with any interest and costs thereon, have been paid or legally ablated, all costs of recording or discharging a lien under this by-law shall be borne by the owner of the property.

Action on the motion: Motion passes with 156 approving and 6 disapproving.

ARTICLE 16:

A motion was made that the Town appropriate \$223,000 for the purchase of a parcel of land on Bittersweet Drive and Carpenter Street in Seekonk, consisting of approximately 70± acres of undeveloped land identified as all of Lot 2 on Seekonk Assessor Map 37 and a portion of Lot 36 on Seekonk Assessor Map 37 and costs related thereto, and to meet said appropriation, to transfer the sum of \$181,059.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Reserve and the sum of \$41,941 from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserves; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the fee or lesser interest in said land and related easements by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise for conservation and outdoor passive recreation purposes, with the Seekonk Conservation Commission having the care, custody and stewardship of said land under the provisions of MGL Ch. 40, Section 8C; and to authorize the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen to submit on behalf of the Town any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or the United States, under the LAND grant program under MGL Ch.132A, §11, any other state or federal programs including those in aid of conservation land acquisition and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article; said gifts or grants to be deposited in the Community Preservation Fund; and that the Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission be authorized to grant a perpetual conservation restriction on said parcel of land meeting the requirements of M.G.L. Chapter 44B, § 12 and M.G.L. Chapter 184, §§ 31-33, and to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary to affect said purchase, said funds to be expended by the Board of Selectmen with the land to be named in memory of Kenneth A. Lagerquist appropriately titled in accordance with the wishes of the Lagerquist Family.

Action on the motion: Motion passes with 155 approving and 7 disapproving.

ARTICLE 17:

A motion was made that the Town appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Reserve the sum of \$532,000 for the purchase a parcel of land on Read Street in Seekonk, consisting of 36.243± acres of undeveloped land identified as a portion of Seekonk Assessor Map 23, Lot 22, and costs related thereto; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the fee or lesser interest in said land by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise for conservation and outdoor passive recreation purposes, with the Seekonk Conservation Commission having the care, custody and stewardship of said land under the provisions of MGL Ch. 40, Section 8C; and to authorize the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen to submit on behalf of the Town any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or the United States, under the LAND grant program (M.G.L. Chapter 132A § 11), under any other state or federal programs including those in aid of conservation land acquisition; and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article; said gifts or grants to be deposited in the Community Preservation Fund; and that the Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission be authorized to grant a perpetual conservation restriction on said parcel of land meeting the requirements of M.G.L. Chapter 44B, § 12 and M.G.L. Chapter 184, §§ 31-33, and to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary to affect said purchase, said funds to be expended by the Board of Selectmen.

Action on the motion: Motion passes with 149 approving and 13 disapproving.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to amend the amount appropriated under line 57 Seekonk Schools of Article 2 of the Town Meeting of June 10, 2013 as amended, from \$21,568,942 to \$21,648,942, and as funding therefor, to transfer \$80,000 from the Special Education Stabilization fund, to reflect additional special education costs incurred in FY 2014, or to take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by: School Committee
Board of Selectmen: No Recommendation

Motion 18: *Moved that the Town amend the amount appropriated under line 57 Seekonk Schools of Article 2 of the Town Meeting of June 10, 2013 as amended, from \$21,568,942 to \$21,648,942, and as funding therefor, to transfer the sum of \$80,000.00 from the Special Education Stabilization Fund, such funds to be expended under the direction of the School Committee.*

A motion was made to indefinitely postpone article 18.

Action on the motion to postpone: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$100,000.00 to the Special Education Stabilization Fund, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: School Committee
Board of Selectmen: No Recommendation

Motion 19: *Moved that the Town transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from free cash to the Special Education Stabilization Fund.*

A motion was made to indefinitely postpone article 19

Action on the motion to postpone: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

Article 20:

A motion was made that the Town appropriate from the Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund the sum of \$223,876 for entry way security enhancements to all of the school buildings.

Action on the motion: Motion passes with 157 approving and 5 disapproving.

Article 21: A motion was made that the Town will vote to petition the General Court for legislation authorizing the Board of Selectmen to convert a seasonal package store license for the sale of Wine and Malt Beverages NOT to be drunk on the premises to an annual package store license for the sale of Wine and Malt Beverages NOT to be drunk on the premises; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court. The Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments that shall be within the scope of the general public objective of this petition;

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SEEKONK TO CONVERT A SEASONAL WINE AND MALT PACKAGE STORE LICENSE FOR THE SALE OF WINE AND MALT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES NOT TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES TO AN ANNUAL WINE AND MALT PACKAGE STORE LICENSE FOR THE SALE OF WINE AND MALT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES NOT TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES, KNOWN AS JCM PETROLEUM, INC., d/b/a CROSSROADS AUTO CENTER, JEAN CLAUDE MASSAD, MANAGER.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding sections 17 and 17B of Chapter 138 of the General Laws, the licensing authority of the Town of Seekonk may convert one currently issued seasonal license for the sale of WINE

AND MALT ALCOHOLIC beverages NOT to be drunk on the premises located at 822 Fall River Avenue, known as JCM Petroleum, Inc., d/b/a Crossroads Auto Center, Jean Claude Massad, Manager, to an annual license for the sale of WINE AND MALT ALCOHOLIC beverages NOT to be drunk on the premises located at 822 Fall River Avenue, known as JCM Petroleum, Inc., d/b/a Crossroads Auto Center, Jean Claude Massad, Manager. An annual license granted under this act shall be subject to all of said chapter 138, except said sections 17 and 17B.

(b) The licensing authority in the Town of Seekonk shall not approve the transfer of the license to any other person, organization, corporation or location but it may be re-issued to a new applicant at the same location if an applicant for the license files with the licensing authority a letter from the Department of Revenue indicating that the license is in good standing with the Department and that all applicable taxes have been paid.

(c) If the license granted under this section is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, it shall be returned physically with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the Seekonk licensing authority, which may then grant the license to a new applicant at the same location under the same conditions as specified in this act.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to amend Category 2B – Capital Improvement Committee of the Seekonk Bylaws by deleting said section and replacing it with the following as Category 2B – Capital Improvement Committee :

A motion was made from the floor to amend the article as follows:

Section 1: Purpose and Function:

There is hereby established a Capital Improvement Committee. The Committee will serve as an advisory committee to the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen. The establishment of the Capital Improvement Committee will ensure sound fiscal and capital planning for the town.

The Committee, in partnership with the Town Administrator and Town department heads, shall develop an annual and a long-range (3 to 5 years) capital improvement plan related to acquiring, maintaining and improving town-owned land, buildings, and equipment.

The Capital Improvement Committee may develop and propose bylaws and policies for capital planning and improvement based on sound accepted business practices and any proposed bylaws shall require approval of Town Meeting.

Section 2: Preparation

Each Town department shall annually, no later than September 15th, provide the Town Administrator an inventory of existing assets, a clear statement of needs, and a justification for new capital items or projects. The department heads shall also provide information about the fiscal impact of the net cost to acquire each new capital item or implement each new capital project, an implementation schedule, and an indication of priority (high, medium, low), which will then be forward to the Capital Improvement Committee by the Town Administrator.

The Committee shall annually, no later than January 15th, prepare and provide a written recommended Capital Improvement Plan to the Town Administrator. The Town Administrator shall then submit his/her capital improvement recommendation with the annual town budget to the Board of Selectmen.

The Capital Improvement Committee's written recommendations shall be included within the annual town budget and annual town report, even if the recommendations are not acted upon by the Town Administrator and/or the Board of Selectmen.

The Capital Improvement Committee shall in every even Fiscal Year provide an updated long range capital improvement plan to the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen for review.

Section 3: Organization

The Capital Improvement Committee shall be comprised of seven (7) voting members, appointed to three year overlapping terms of office. The Board of Selectmen shall appoint four (4) members and the Town Moderator shall appoint three (3) members. All appointed members shall be eligible for reappointment.

The Town Administrator and the Director of numicipal Finance shall serve by virtue of their offices and shall have a voice but no vote.

The Board of Selectmen and Town Moderator shall strive to appoint at least three members who possess experience in financial planning, construction planning, or related fields of experience.

No elected member of the Board of Selectmen, elected member of the School Committee, or Town employee shall be eligible to serve on the Committee, with the exception of the Town Administrator and the Director of Municipal Finance.

Any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner of the original appointment.

The Committee, in accordance with Town By-Law Category 2A.7.2, shall organize during its first meeting and thereafter reorganize during the first meeting following July 1st of each fiscal year.

Section 4: Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund

Town Meeting may establish a Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund, as provided by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40 Section 5B, to be used exclusively for capital purposes; provided, however, that capital improvements may also be funded in any other manner consistent with law including by transfer from available funds, taxation, borrowing, and application of grants and gifts, whether as part of the annual operating budget or pursuant to a special purpose appropriation.

Section 5: Authority

Nothing herein shall be deemed to interfere with the authority of the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen or Town Meeting to propose or fund capital improvements.

Action on the amended motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

Article 23: To see of the Town will vote to amend Category 16 – Fee for Licensing Dogs by deleting the current bylaw language and replacing with the proposed language presented in this article.

A motion was made to indefinitely postpone article 23.

Action on the motion to indefinitely postpone passes with a unanimous vote.

Current By-Law Language:

The Town has voted to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 140, section 147A allowing the Town to withdraw from the County Dog Fund and to establish a municipal dog program, with the following provisions and fee structures with an the effective date March 15, 1990.

SECTION 1

All licensing funds, sale of dog fees, and other fees which were previously delivered to the County shall be retained by the Town of Seekonk.

SECTION 2

The license fee structure shall be the following

Spayed female and neutered male dogs	Fee: \$10.00/license/year
Unspayed female dogs and unneutered male dogs	Fee: \$20.00/license/year
Late penalty fee for license purchased after May 31 st of each year	Fee: \$20.00
Duplicate tag	Fee: \$0.50
Kennel License for four (4) or fewer dogs	Fee: \$30.00
Kennel License for more than four (4) dogs but no more than ten (10) dogs	Fee: \$50.00
Kennel License for more than ten (10) dogs	Fee: \$30.00

SECTION 3

For each license collected seventy-five cents (\$.75) of the fee will be turned over to the Seekonk Public library, to be transferred to the Library at the end of each licensing year and applied to the Library budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

SECTION 4

With the licensing fees, sale of dog fees, sale of cat fees, and late penalty fees collected, a receipts reserved account shall be established, out of which the following expenses will be paid:

1. The veterinarian's fee under Ch. 140, S. 151B
2. Damages appraised under Ch. 140, S.161, at the rate established or revised by the County Commissioners, including the appraiser's fee and mileage.
3. Costs for printing of license forms
4. Costs for license tags and hooks
5. Other costs and expenses incurred in regulating and enforcing the laws associated with, or the care and custody of dogs and cats.

New Language Change:

SECTION 1

All licensing fees, sale of dog fees, and other fees associated with the regulation of animals shall be deposited into the treasury of the Town, except as provided in Section 3 of this By-law.

SECTION 2

The license fee structure shall be established in accordance with the Town By-law Category 5B and Massachusetts General Laws.

SECTION 3

The Town Clerk may retain for their own use seventy-five cents (\$.75) for each license issued, unless otherwise provided by law, and shall certify under penalties of perjury the amounts of money thus received and paid over to them.

SECTION 4

With the licensing fees, sale of dog fees, sale of cat fees, and late penalty fees collected, a receipts reserved account shall be established, out of which all reasonable animal control costs associated with regulating and enforcing the law and the care and custody of animals will be paid.

**Submitted by the Town Clerk
Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval**

<u>Motion 23:</u>	<i>Moved that the Town amend Category 16 – Fee for Licensing Dogs of the Seekonk Bylaws as presented in the warrant for this town meeting.</i>
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Article 24: A motion was made that the Town vote to amend Category 2 –Town Officials by deleting the current bylaw language and replacing with the proposed language presented in this article.

Current By-Law Language:

Each Department and/or Office in Town shall submit in January of each year to the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee, an inventory of Town property, including equipment and supplies, in its custody, compiled as of the previous December 31st.

New Language Change:

Each Department and/or Office in Town shall submit **by September 15th** of each year to the **Town Administrator**, Board of Selectmen, and the Finance Committee, an inventory of Town property, including equipment and supplies, in its custody, compiled as of the **end of the previous Fiscal Year**.

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

Article 25:

A motion was made and seconded to support Option One. After discussion on the floor, the motion and second were withdrawn and a motion to indefinitely postpone article 25 was passed with a unanimous vote.

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to MGL 43B or authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek special legislation to amend ARTICLE FOUR SECTION 2 SPECIAL PROVISIONS of the Home Rule Charter of the Town of Seekonk, Massachusetts as follows:

ASSESSORS

Current Charter Language:

The Board of Assessors elected under this article shall appoint, subject to appropriation made for this purpose, an individual qualified to provide professional assistance to the town's assessing functions and responsibilities. Such an appointed individual shall not simultaneously be employed by any company or business that provides assessing services while serving as an employee of the town.

Option 1:

New Language Change: Board of Selectmen Approval

The Board of Assessors elected under this article shall **recommend**, subject to **the approval of the Board of Selectmen and the** appropriation made for this purpose, a **candidate(s)** for **Assessor** qualified to provide professional assistance to the town's assessing functions and responsibilities. **The Board of Assessors at an open meeting shall present the top three (3) candidates to the Town Administrator, who then shall recommend the appointment of one (1) candidate to the Board of Selectmen for approval.** Such an appointed individual shall not simultaneously be employed by any company or business that provides assessing services while serving as an employee of the town.

Option 2:

New Language Change: Town Administrator recommendation, Board of Assessor approval, and supermajority vote to overturn Administrator's recommendation

The Board of Assessors elected under this article shall appoint, **in consultation with the Town Administrator**, subject to appropriation made for this purpose, an individual qualified to provide professional assistance to the town's assessing functions and responsibilities. **This individual shall be appointed by a recommendation of the Town Administrator, which shall become effective on the fifteenth (15th) day following the day on which notice of the appointment is filed with the Board of Assessors unless the Board of Assessors, within said period by a unanimous vote of the entire membership of the board to reject any such recommendation or has voted by a simple majority present to sooner affirm the appointment.** Such an appointed individual shall not simultaneously be employed by any company or business that provides assessing services while serving as an employee of the town.

Option 3:

New Language Change: Town Administrator recommendation, Board of Assessor approval, and simple majority vote to overturn Administrator's recommendation

The Board of Assessors elected under this article shall appoint, **in consultation with the Town Administrator**, subject to appropriation made for this purpose, an individual qualified to provide professional assistance to the town's assessing functions and responsibilities. **This individual shall be appointed by a recommendation of the Town Administrator, which shall become effective on the fifteenth (15th) day following the day on which notice of the appointment is filed with the Board of Assessors unless the Board of Assessors, within said period by a simple majority vote of the entire membership of the board to reject any such recommendation or has voted by a simple majority present to sooner affirm the appointment.** Such an appointed individual shall not simultaneously be

employed by any company or business that provides assessing services while serving as an employee of the town.

**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval of Option 1**

Article 26: A motion was made to indefinitely postpone article 26. Motion to indefinitely postpone article 26 passes with a unanimous vote.

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to MGL 43B or authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek special legislation to amend ARTICLE FOUR SECTION 2 SPECIAL PROVISIONS of the Home Rule Charter of the Town of Seekonk, Massachusetts as follows:

Planning Board

Current Charter Language:

The Planning Board elected under this article shall appoint, subject to an appropriation made for that purpose, a planner to be selected on the basis of educational qualifications, training, and experience, and who shall not simultaneously hold Planning Board membership.

Option 1:

New Language Change: Board of Selectmen Approval

The Planning Board elected under this article shall **recommend**, subject to **the approval of the Board of Selectmen** and the appropriation made for this purpose, a **candidate(s)** for Planner to be selected on the basis of educational qualifications, training, and experience, and who shall not simultaneously hold Planning Board membership. **The Planning Board at an open meeting shall present the top three (3) candidates to the Town Administrator, who then shall recommend the appointment of one (1) candidate to the Board of Selectmen for approval.**

Option 2:

New Language Change: Town Administrator recommendation, Planning Board approval, and supermajority vote to overturn Administrator's recommendation

The Planning Board elected under this article shall appoint, **in consultation with the Town Administrator**, subject to an appropriation made for this purpose, a Planner to be selected on the basis of educational qualifications, training, and experience, and who shall not simultaneously hold Planning Board membership. **This individual shall be appointed by a recommendation of the Town Administrator, which shall become effective on the fifteenth (15th) day following the day on which notice of the appointment is filed with the Planning Board unless the Planning Board, within said period by a minimum of 5 out of 7 votes of the entire membership of the board to reject any such recommendation or has voted by a simple majority present to sooner affirm the appointment.**

Option 3:

New Language Change: Town Administrator recommendation, Planning Board approval, and simple majority vote to overturn Administrator's recommendation

The Planning Board elected under this article shall appoint, in consultation with the Town Administrator, subject to an appropriation made for this purpose, a Planner to be selected on the basis of educational qualifications, training, and experience, and who shall not simultaneously hold Planning Board membership. This individual shall be appointed by a recommendation of the Town Administrator, which shall become effective on the fifteenth (15th) day following the day on which notice of the appointment is filed with the Planning Board unless the Planning Board, within said period by a simple majority vote of the entire membership of the board to reject any such recommendation or has voted by a simple majority present to sooner affirm the appointment.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval of Option 1

Article 27: A motion was made to indefinitely postpone article 27. Motion to indefinitely postpone article 27 passes with a unanimous vote.

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to MGL 43B or authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek special legislation to amend ARTICLE SIX SECTION 6 APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATOR of the Home Rule Charter of the Town of Seekonk, Massachusetts as follows:

Board of Health

Current Charter Language:

The Board of Health shall appoint a Health Agent and additional personnel for the board: such employees shall not be current board members.

Option 1:

New Language Change: Board of Selectmen Approval

The Board of Health under this article shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen and an appropriation made for this purpose, a candidate(s) for Health Agent to be selected on the basis of educational qualifications, training, and experience, and who shall not simultaneously be a member of the Board of Health. The Board of Health at an open meeting shall present the top three (3) candidates to the Town Administrator, who then shall recommend the appointment of one (1) candidate to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

Option 2:

New Language Change: Town Administrator recommendation, Board of Health approval, and supermajority vote to overturn Administrator's recommendation

The Board of Health under this article shall appoint, in consultation with the Town Administrator, subject to an appropriation made for this purpose, a Health Agent to be selected on the basis of educational qualifications, training, and experience, and who shall not simultaneously be a member of the Board of Health. This individual shall be appointed by a recommendation of the Town Administrator, which shall become effective on the fifteenth (15th) day following the day on which notice of the appointment is filed with the Board of Health unless the Board of Health, within said period by a minimum of 4 out of 5 votes of the entire membership of the board to reject any such recommendation or has voted by a simple majority present to sooner affirm the appointment.

Option 3:

New Language Change: Town Administrator recommendation, Board of Health approval, and simple majority vote to overturn Administrator's recommendation

The Board of Health under this article shall appoint, in consultation with the Town Administrator, subject to an appropriation made for this purpose, a Health Agent to be selected on the basis of educational qualifications, training, and experience, and who shall not simultaneously be a member of the Board of Health. This individual shall be appointed by a recommendation of the Town Administrator, which shall become effective on the fifteenth (15th) day following the day on which notice of the appointment is filed with the Board of Health unless the Board of Health, within said period by a simple majority vote of the entire membership of the board to reject any such recommendation or has voted by a simple majority present to sooner affirm the appointment.

**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval of Option 1**

Article 28: A motion was made to indefinitely postpone article 28. Motion to indefinitely postpone passes with a unanimous vote.

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to MGL 43B or authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek special legislation to amend ARTICLE SIX SECTION 6 APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATOR of the Home Rule Charter of the Town of Seekonk, Massachusetts as follows:

Conservation Commission

No Current Charter Language:

Option 1:

New Language Change: Board of Selectmen Approval

The Conservation Commission under this article shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen and an appropriation made for this purpose, a candidate(s) for Conservation Agent to be selected on the basis of educational qualifications, training, and experience, and who shall not simultaneously be a member of the Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission at an open meeting shall present the top three (3) candidates to the Town Administrator, who then shall recommend the appointment of one (1) candidate to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

Option 2:

New Language Change: Town Administrator recommendation, Conservation Commission approval, and supermajority vote to overturn Administrator's recommendation

The Conservation Commission under this article shall appoint, in consultation with the Town Administrator, subject to an appropriation made for this purpose, a Conservation Agent to be selected on the basis of educational qualifications, training, and experience, and who shall not simultaneously be a member of the Conservation Commission. This individual shall be appointed by a recommendation of the Town Administrator, which shall become effective on the fifteenth (15th) day following the day on which notice of the appointment is filed with the Conservation Commission unless the Board of Health, within said period by a minimum of 5 out of 7 votes of the entire

membership of the commission to reject any such recommendation or has voted by a simple majority present to sooner affirm the appointment.

Option 3:

New Language Change: Town Administrator recommendation, Conservation Commission approval, and simple majority vote to overturn Administrator's recommendation

The Conservation Commission under this article shall appoint, in consultation with the Town Administrator, subject to an appropriation made for this purpose, a Conservation Agent to be selected on the basis of educational qualifications, training, and experience, and who shall not simultaneously be a member of the Conservation Commission. This individual shall be appointed by a recommendation of the Town Administrator, which shall become effective on the fifteenth (15th) day following the day on which notice of the appointment is filed with the Conservation Commission unless the Conservation Commission, within said period by a simple majority vote of the entire membership of the commission to reject any such recommendation or has voted by a simple majority present to sooner affirm the appointment.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval of Option 1

Article 29: A motion was made to indefinitely postpone article 29. Motion to indefinitely postpone article 29 passes with a unanimous vote.

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to MGL 43B or authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek special legislation to amend ARTICLE SIX SECTION 6 APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATOR of the Home Rule Charter of the Town of Seekonk, Massachusetts as follows:

Town Administrator

Current Charter Language:

The Town Administrator shall recommend the appointment of the following town officers to the Board of Selectmen for approval: Police Chief, Superintendent of Public Works, Building Inspector, Zoning Officer, Town Treasurer/Town Collector, Human Services Director, Communications Director, Veteran's Agent, Animal Control Officer, Park & Recreation Director, Emergency Management Director, Sealer of Weights & Measures, Plumbing Inspector, Gas Inspector, Electrical Inspector, Mechanical Inspector, Director of Finance and any other position of the level of department head under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen.

New Language Change: Adding Departments not listed.

The Town Administrator shall recommend the appointment of the following town officers to the Board of Selectmen for approval: Police Chief, Superintendent of Public Works, Building Inspector/**Commissioner**, Zoning **Enforcement** Officer, Town Treasurer/Town Collector, Human Services Director, Communications Director, Veteran's Agent, Animal Control Officer, Park & Recreation Director, Emergency Management Director, Sealer of Weights & Measures, Plumbing Inspector, Gas Inspector, Electrical Inspector, Mechanical Inspector, Director of Finance, **Assessor, Conservation Agent, Health Agent, Town Engineer/Assistant Superintendent of Public Works, Town Planner**, and any other position of the level of department head under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen.

Current Charter Language:

Recommendations made by the Town Administrator shall become effective on the fifteen (15th) day following the day on which notice of the appointment is filed with the Board of Selectmen unless the Board of Selectmen shall, within said period, by a majority vote of the board, vote to reject any such recommendation or has voted to sooner affirm the appointment

New Language Change: Supermajority vote to overturn Administrator's recommendation

Recommendations made by the Town Administrator shall become effective on the fifteen (15th) day following the day on which notice of the appointment is filed with the Board of Selectmen unless the Board of Selectmen shall, within said period, **by a minimum of 4 out of 5 votes of the entire membership of the board to reject any such recommendation or has voted by a simple majority present to sooner affirm the appointment.**

**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval**

Article 30:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds an amount for the continuation of Phase II rehabilitation of "Old Town Hall", 624 Taunton Avenue, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**Submitted by: Historical Commission
Board of Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting 4 Yeas, 1 Nay**

A motion was made on article 30 for the town to vote \$80,000.00 from stabilization for phase 2 of the rehab project of the old town hall building.

After discussion, a motion was made to indefinitely postpone article 30.

Action on the motion to indefinitely postpone article 30 passes with 160 approving and 2 disapproving.

A motion was made to dissolve the meeting at 11:00PM

Motion to dissolve passes with a unanimous vote.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies as required by law and vote of the Town.


Hereof fail not and make return of the Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said Meeting.


GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS ON THIS ST 21st DAY OF May 2014.

Seekonk Board of Selectmen



David Parker, Chairperson


Nelson Almeida, Vice Chairperson


David Andrade, Clerk


Gary Sagar, Member


Michael Brady, Member

A True Copy Attest: 
Constable

Date: 5/23/14